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1. IREX TELLS US IT IS MOVING SLOWLY ON THE DECISION WHETHER TO PLACE ONE MORE SOVIET NOMINEE IN RESPONSE TO THE KULIKOV WITHDRAWAL/PLESZCZYNSKI PLACEMENT. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, IT IS INCLINED NOT TO MAKE ANY FURTHER PLACEMENTS, BUT COULD POSSIBLY CHANGE ITS MIND IN THE COMING WEEKS.

2. IREX'S MATUSZEWSKI TOLD US HE WOULD SEND OUT A "TEMPOR-IZING" ANSWER DIRECTLY TO MHE AUGUST 25, SAYING ESSENTIALLY THAT IREX IS STILL THINKING ABOUT IT. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT A USEFUL ARGUMENT THE EMBASSY MAY WISH TO RESORT TO INFORMALLY IF MHE STARTS PUTTING PRESSURE ON IT IS THAT WHILE MORE U.S. STUDENTS HAVE BEEN PLACED THAN SOVIET, THEY ARE CONSIDERABLY AHEAD OF US IN MAN-MONTHS. WE HAVE NINE ONE-SEMESTER STUDENTS, WHILE THEY HAVE NONE--

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